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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | ) |                       |
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| Plaintiff,                | ) |                       |
|                           | ) | 2:12-CR-00281-JAD-CWH |
| vs.                       | ) |                       |
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| RICHARD S. NEISWONGER     | ) |                       |
| and SHANNON NEIWSWONGER,  | ) |                       |
|                           | ) |                       |
| Defendants.               | ) |                       |
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**STIPULATION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING**  
**(Twelfth Request)**

**IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** by and among Steven W. Myhre,  
Acting United States Attorney ("USA"), John Patrick Burns, Assistant United States Attorney  
("AUSA"), Solomon L. Wisenberg, Esq., and Peter Angulo, Esq., attorneys for Defendants

Richard C. Neiswonger and Shannon Neiswonger, that the sentencing currently scheduled for July 10, 2017 be vacated and continued until January 15, 2018, or a date thereafter convenient to the Court.

The Stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

1. This is the twelfth request to continue Mr. and Mrs. Neiswonger's sentencing in this matter. The first request was made through stipulation of the parties on September 26, 2012 (Docket Entry 22) and was granted by the Court that same day (Docket Entry 22). The second request was made through stipulation of the parties on June 7, 2013 (Docket Entry 24) and was granted by the Court on June 7, 2013 (Docket Entry 25). The third request was made through stipulation of the parties on September 25, 2013 (Docket Entry 26) and was granted by the Court on September 26, 2013 (Docket Entry 27). The fourth request was made through stipulation of the parties on December 23, 2013 (Docket Entry 30) and was granted by the Court on December 26, 2013 (Docket Entry 31). The fifth request was made through stipulation of the parties on March 14, 2014 (Docket Entry 32) and was granted by the Court on March 19, 2014 (Docket Entry 33). The sixth request was made through stipulation of the parties on June 18, 2014 (Docket Entry 41) and was granted by the Court on June 18, 2014 (Docket Entry 42). The seventh request was made through stipulation of the parties on December 4, 2014 (Docket Entry 43) and was granted by the Court on December 9, 2014 (Docket Entry 46). The eighth request was made through stipulation of the parties on May 15, 2015 (Docket Entry 48) and was granted by the Court on May 18, 2015 (Docket Entry 49). The ninth request was made through stipulation of the parties on October 12, 2015 (Docket Entry 50) and was granted by the Court on October 13, 2015 (Docket Entry 51). The tenth request was made through stipulation of the parties on March 9, 2016 (Docket Entry 52) and was granted by

the Court on the same day (Docket Entry 53). The eleventh request was made by stipulation of the parties on December 12, 2016 (Docket Entry 66) and was granted by the Court the same day (Docket Entry 67).

2. The additional time requested herein is not sought for purposes of delay.
3. In late October 2015, Mrs. Neiswonger suffered a serious, life-threatening and debilitating brain injury. Mr. Neiswonger is assisting in providing virtually round-the-clock care for Mrs. Neiswonger, who underwent her second major brain surgery related to the injury on March 7, 2016, and is still under a specialist's care. Although Mrs. Neiswonger's physical condition has stabilized and improved, she still has serious cognitive disabilities which require Mr. Neiswonger's vigilant supervision.
4. Undersigned counsel believes that Mrs. Neiswonger no longer comprehends the offense to which she pled guilty and is not able to assist in her defense at sentencing. He anticipates that a mental evaluation, coordinated in cooperation with the Government, followed by a Motion to Dismiss, will be forthcoming.
5. Mr. and Mrs. Neiswonger have continued their cooperation with the Government, although with respect to one case that cooperation became moot several months ago, and made significant monthly payments to the IRS and FTC until approximately one year ago when Mr. Neiswonger's income plummeted due to his need to stay home and care for Mrs. Neiswonger. Mr. Neiswonger remains gainfully employed.
6. Mr. Neiswonger's lead counsel, Solomon L. Wisenberg, needs additional time to investigate all of the sentencing factors contained in 18 U.S.C. §§ 3553(a) and 3661, particularly the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of Mr. Neiswonger so that he can prepare a Sentencing Memorandum and otherwise effectively represent Mr. Neiswonger at the Sentencing Hearing pursuant to the



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### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Based upon the pending Stipulation of counsel, and good cause appearing therefore, the Court finds that:

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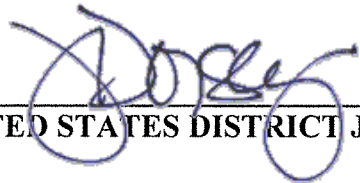
**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Denial of this request for continuance could result in a miscarriage of justice. It would deny defense counsel and the Government time and opportunity to effectively prepare for sentencing in this case.
2. For all the above stated reasons, the ends of justice would best be served by a continuance of the sentencing date until January 15, 2018, or a date thereafter convenient to the Court.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the sentencing currently scheduled for July 10, 2017, be vacated and continued to January 22, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2017.

  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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